

Weekly Column for May 18, 2006

Today we announced the musical lineup for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Street Festival and I promise you this right now, it will be a day to remember.

Headlining this year's festival will be British rock band World Party. Yes, THE World Party. They've had many hits here in the U.S., and according to people that have a pretty keen idea of these things, their album Goodbye Jumbo is a classic in the truest sense of the word. Some of their well-known songs include Ship of Fools, Put the Message in the Box, and Way Down Now.

Adding a band like that to the festival is the step we needed to take to bring the River Street Festival to the next level. The ability for us to bring in someone like World Party is there because we are partnering with radio station 102.7 WEQX this year. The guys up at EQX have done a great job putting this lineup together and believing that Troy can truly house and exciting event like this. We want to thank them greatly.

In addition to World Party, up and coming artists such as Tally Hall, Nightmare Of You, As Fast As, Trumystic, Ramblin' Jug Stompers, and Sean Rowe will be filling out the lineup this year.

For those of you that don't know, River Street Festival is set to take place on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or 6 p.m.). It was started three years ago at the request of some merchants along River Street, and has blossomed into something we all look forward to.

Outside of the musical acts, the true draw of the festival is the wonderful artists displaying all of their talent up and down River Street, and the antiques that people drive hours to see. The tag line of the festival truly fits, Arts and Antiques, Entertainment and Eats.

The planning for the festival is well underway, and we do need some additional help. Food vendors are specifically what we are looking at, though if you have additional ideas, please feel free to share them.

In other news this week, we had to cancel the fishing tournament last Saturday, but that will take place this coming Sunday, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Hopefully Mother Nature will be a little more kind this weekend than last.

If you are not fishing, please come on down to the Ale House after 4:30 p.m. and enjoy some music, wonderful food, and the presentations to the winners.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

Harry J Tutunjian  
Mayor of Troy